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SUBJ:LOCAL REACTIONS TO REPORTS OF IMPENDING ITALO-

YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT

1. LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY ORGANS, WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OF PRI AND PLI HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS ON REPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTS ON ZONE B AND OTHER ISSUES.

2. DC STATEMENT NOTES THAT QTE FOR MANY YEARS THE CONVICTION HAS TAKEN HOLD THAT THE ONLY WAY TO SAFEGUARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIESTE AND OPEN REALISTIC FUTURE PROSPECTIVES FOR PEOPLES SEVERELY TESTED BY THE BITTER EVENTS OF A WAR AND POST-WAR PERIODS WAS THAT OF PEACE, COLLABORATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES... IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT TO SUSTAIN AFTER 20 YEARS OF YUGOSLAV ADMINISTRATION AN INTERPRETATION OF THE JURIDICAL STATUS OF ZONE B IMPLYING POSSIBLE FUTURE ITALIAN CLAIMS CERTAINLY CREATES CONFLICT WITH NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA AND, IF CARRIED TO ITS EXTREME CONSEQUENCES, COULD PLUNGE THIS PART OF EUROPE INTO A NEW CLIMATE OF COLD WAR, REOPENING THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TRIESTE... THE REOPENING OF THE DEEP SPIRITUAL WOUNDS

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SUFFERED BY THE ISTRANS IS YET ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE OF THE

TRAGIC REPERCUSSIONS OF THE WAR LOST BY FASCISM. HOWEVER ONE MUST NOT RESPOND BY MAINTAINING ILLUSIONS BUT BY RESPONSIBLY BUILDING A FUTURE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THOSE BORDERING LANDS... THE DC CONSIDERS THEREFORE THAT THE POSITIONS WHICH THE ITALIAN STATE IS PREPARING TO ASSUME THROUGH ITS GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT MUST BE JUDGED... IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND A REALISTIC VISION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UNQTE.

3. ACCORDING TO PSI DOCUMENT THE QTE PROBABLE AGREEMENT WOULD REPRESENT A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA AND WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ELEMENT OF STABILITY IN THE EUROPEAN SITUATION. TO GIVE CERTAINTY TO A DE FACTO SITUATION RECOGNIZED AS UNCHANGEABLE SIGNIFIES THE ENDING OF ARTIFICIAL POLEMICS WHICH WERE USED IN PAST YEARS BY GROUPS INTERESTED IN WORSENING ITALO-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND BY INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES AIMING AT A NEW COLD WAR IN EUROPE. UNQTE PSDI STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT QTE IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT 30 YEARS AFTER THE END OF A WAR OF AGGRESSION IMPOSED BY FASCISM AND LEADING TO DEFEAT, OUR GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF A PAYMENT WHICH THE OTHER SIDE INSISTS ON RECOVERING TO THE LAST DROP. IT IS NOW UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO INFORM, PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE, AND PUBLIC OPINION TO JUDGE THE UNDOUBTEDLY SERIOUS AND FAR-REACHING REASONS WHICH CAUSE ITALY TO TAKE A STEP WHICH, HOWEVER IT IS EVALUATED, HAS ALL THE ASPECTS OF A SACRIFICE UNQTE.

4. PCI DOCUMENT STATES THAT QTE POPULATION OF TRIESTE... WISH TO SEE ALL PROBLEMS RESOLVED IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION WHICH HAS MADE THIS BORDER AREA A ZONE OF DIALOGUE AND BENEFICIAL EXCHANGES. TO THE CAMPAIGN OPENED BY THE RIGHT IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO RESPOND BY ... OPPOSING, FIRMLY AND RESPONSIBLY, THE UNITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES UNQTE.

5. MSI DOCUMENT STATES THAT QTE THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT ON ZONE B AND THE METHOD OF CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT DISTURB AND BAFFLE THOSE WHO CARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT THIS LAST STRIP OF ISTRIA AND DIGNITY OF OUR COUNTRY... THE POSITION OF THE MSI-DN IS TO MAINTAIN THE BEST RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES IN RECIPROCAL RESPECT BUT WITHOUT ANY UNFOUNDED RENUNCIATION OF THAT WHICH IS OURS UNQTE. MSI HAS SCHEDULED RALLY ON ISSUE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 29.

6. ELECTED OFFICIALS IN TRIESTE HAVE WITHHELD PUBLIC COMMENT

PENDING SCHEDULED DEBATES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS FOLLOWING GOI STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 1. HOWEVER MAYOR OF GORIZIA (HIMSELF AN ISTRIAN REFUGEE) AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS THERE QUOTED IN INTERVIEWS AS FAVORING SETTLEMENT OUTLINED IN PRESS. OF RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES ONLY FORMER TRIESTE ARCHBISHOP MONS. SANTIN HAS SPOKEN OUT, CABLING PRIME MINISTER MORO THAT QTE ITALIAN PEOPLE WILL BE HUMILIATED BY THIS INQUITOUS SURRENDER UNQTE. A NEGATIVE JUDGEMENT WAS ALSO RENDERED BY THE CAMERA DEL LAVORO (UIL) WHICH EXPRESSED ITS QTE REGRET, ANXIETY AND GRAVE CONCERN FOR AN ACT WHICH APPEARS TO CEDE TO YUGOSLAVIA ZONE B AND PREJUDICE THE ALREADY PRECARIOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION OF OUR PROVINCE UNQTE.

7. IN DOCUMENT ISSUED SEPTEMBER 27 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF LARGEST REFUGEE ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VENEZIA-GIULIA AND DALMATIA, STATED THAT QTE PROTEST OF ISTRANS, PEOPLE OF FIUME AND DALMATIANS TODAY, AS ALWAYS, REMAINS CIVIL AND DIGNIFIED UNQTE. AFTER NOTING THAT BRUNT OF NATIONAL SACRIFICE ONCE AGAIN FALLS ON ITS MEMBERS, COUNCIL DOCUMENT STATES THAT REPORTED AGREEMENT CARRIES GRAVE RISK FOR SURVIVAL OF ITALIAN ETHNIC GROUP REMAINING IN YUGOSLAVIA. RACKMALES

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